JUDITH THOMAS.

JANUARY 10, 1832.

Mr. Evans, of Maine, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Judith Thomas, report:

That this petition was presented to a former Congress, and a favorable report made thereon, Feb. 13, 1828, by the Committee on Military Pensions, to which the committee refer, and adopt as a part of this report. A bill for the relief of the petitioner passed the House of Representatives at the last session. The committee are satisfied with the previous report, and therefore report a bill.

FEBRUARY 15, 1831.

The Committee on Military Pensions, make the following report on the petition of Judith Thomas:

She is the widow of John Thomas, sen., who enlisted at Ryegate, Vermont, on the 30th April, 1813, and died in the month of October following.

She has applied at the War Department for the five years' half pay, and her application has been rejected on the ground that it appears from the rolls of the army, that the said John Thomas was discharged from the service on the 9th September, 1813. The petitioner alleges that her late husband never was discharged, and that the entry on the rolls of the discharge of John Thomas, was a mistake; and was intended for John Thomas, junior, who, it appears, enlisted on the 18th July, 1813, was soon afterwards sick in the hospital at Burlington; and, it appears to the committee, left the army as soon as he left the hospital, being unfit for military duty. It appears that John Thomas, senior, left the army some time in the Summer of 1813, his son William having been accepted, temporarily, as his substitute, by agreement with the commanding officer of the company; and that William served as such substitute, and answered to the name of John Thomas, until he, the said William, was taken sick. There was another William Thomas, an enlisted soldier in the same company, who served out the period of his enlistment, being one year. On the 17th September, 1813, Capt. Stewart issued an order, directing John Thomas, senior, to rejoin the army; and Capt. Stewart also certifies, that he never was discharged. This fact is also corroborated by the affidavit of Simon Muder. This case is involved in some confusion by reason of the similarity of names; but, upon a careful examination of the documents and proofs, the committee are convinced that the discharge on the rolls was intended for John Thomas, junior; that the said John Thomas, senior, died in service, and that his widow is entitled to five years' half pay.

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